

The Charrette Process

Charrette Agenda

- I Introduction
- II Presentation
- III What are the Tools?
- IV Brainstorming the
Big Problems
- V Voting on Priorities
- VI Design Tables
- VII Group Reports
- VIII Closing

An evening charrette was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Waikiki Community Center. Residents attended the workshop to identify problems, to learn the process, tools and applications of traffic calming, and to offer their input on potential solutions. The most important product of the charrette was to recognize neighborhood "ownership" of the problems, to develop consensus, and to achieve an ongoing willingness to work with the Neighborhood Board, elected officials, and City and County staff to achieve timely and appropriate solutions.

Residents prioritized their values and visions for their community and concluded that a caring and respectful neighborhood was of the highest priority, followed by aesthetics, safety, recreational opportunities, and quiet. Participants were

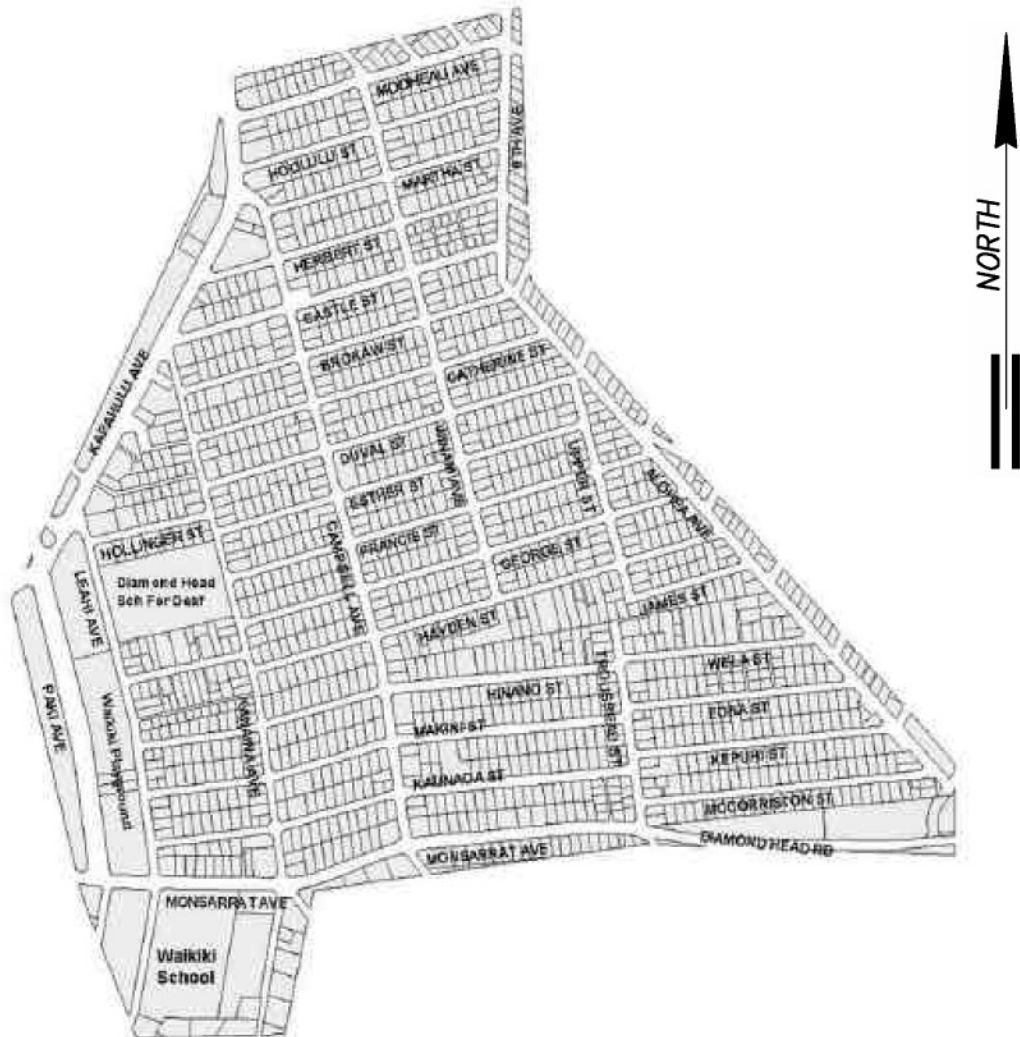
reminded to keep these visions in mind when developing solutions in the design portion of the charrette.

Following a presentation on traffic calming by Dan Burden of Walkable Communities, Inc., residents were asked to identify what they felt were the most significant problems within their neighborhood. Participants discussed the need to slow traffic in order to restore the safety and residential character of the neighborhood.

After prioritizing these issues, participants divided into three work tables to design possible solutions to their concerns, concentrating on those issues that ranked highest in their prioritization exercise. Kapahulu residents addressed their concerns by using their knowledge of the issues to propose a variety of traffic calming tools in areas where they felt treatments were necessary.



Kapahulu Study Area



Kapahulu is a pleasant neighborhood which is highly convenient to shopping, Waikiki, parks, the Ala Wai Golf Course, Kaimuki and the Lunalilo Freeway. The focus of the traffic calming effort was the area bordered by Monsarrat Avenue, Alohea Avenue, Mooheau Avenue, Kapahulu Avenue, and Paki Avenue.